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TROOP CONCENTRATION CONTINUES DESPITE RELEASE OF PRISONERS

FUNSTON AND STAFF BUSY SHAPING RAPIDLY INCREASING ARMY FOR OFFENSIVE MOVEMENT TOWARD MEXICO.

Notwithstanding Release of Prisoners at Chihuahua There is No Letup in Military Preparations at San Antonio and Other Border Bases—Report Funston Says that Carranza Has Not Released His Victims, and Mexican Troops Continue Their Concentration at Matamoras and Other Points—Special Train Brought Prisoners from Chihuahua Delayed—Reached Juarez at Noon, Today, Although it Was Expected There Earlier—First National Guardsmen Go Over Line in Morning—New Mexican Troops Were Sent Across Line to Strengthen Pershing's Lines.

San Antonio, Tex., June 29.—Staff officers are busy today shaping the hourly increasing army for a possible offensive movement.

The notice of the release of the American cavalrymen at Chihuahua City did not lower the high pressure in military preparations.

Notwithstanding the order, Carranza has not released his vigilance and the Mexican troops continue their concentration south of Matamoras and other points, according to border reports.

Guards Cross the Line.

Columbus, N. M., June 29.—New Mexico guardsmen crossed the line into Mexico last night to strengthen Pershing's lines, on reports of concentration of Carrancistas, making the first contingent of national guards to go over.

Special Train Delayed.

El Paso, Tex., June 29.—Although all preparations in the manner of guard and escort have been made for the arrival of the twenty-three Americans from Chihuahua, who were expected to arrive at Juarez at 8 o'clock, they had not arrived at 10:30 today. Mexican officials there said, the special train bringing the Americans from Chihuahua had been delayed.

Twenty-three negroes of the Tenth Cavalry and Lem Spillbury, the Mormon scout, who were captured by the Mexicans at Carrizal, and confined in the Chihuahua penitentiary, were brought to the border at noon and turned over to the American authorities. The prisoners were dressed in the scantiest and most non-descript garb, one wore trousers only, and another merely a shirt. All were serious except one who broadly smiled. Spillbury appeared anxious.

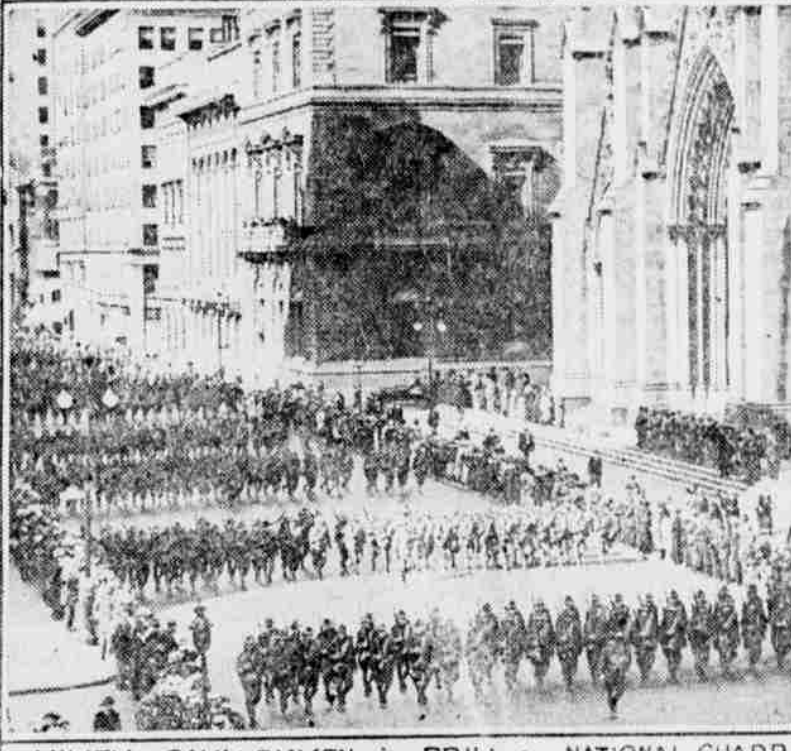
Refugees Reach Galveston.

Galveston, Tex., June 29.—Under the cover of night to avoid consummation of Naffar's threat to hold Americans as hostages, seven hundred and seventy-five American and British refugees boarded the United States tender Dixie, off Tampico, early Sunday, embarking for the United States and arriving here today.

Bell to Meet Captives.

El Paso, Tex., June 29.—News of the release of the twenty-three negroes of the Tenth Cavalry and Lem Spillbury, the Mormon scout, at Chihuahua was received in El Paso late Wednesday afternoon. The telegram conveying the information was addressed to General George Bell Jr., commanding the El Paso base, and was signed by General Jacinto Trevino, commander of the Mexican dis-

MILITIA CAVALRYMEN IN DRILL; REGIMENT PARADES ON FIFTH AVENUE



MILITIA CAVALRYMEN IN DRILL • NATIONAL GUARD MARCHING DOWN 5TH AVE., NEW YORK

Cavalrymen have proved their value in fighting in such country as forms the greater part of northern Mexico, but it remains to be seen whether the mounted national guardsmen will be able to give as good account of themselves as have the mounted regulars. Upper picture shows a troop of militia cavalrymen drilling before entraining for the front. Lower picture is that of the famous Seventh regiment of New York marching down Fifth avenue.

ALL WANTING NATATORIUM FOR SUMMER

CITIZENS MAKING INQUIRIES EVERY DAY ABOUT OPENING OF POPULAR SWIMMING POOL AT LORENA PARK.

"When is the street railway company going to have the line to the park in operation, and when are they going to open the natatorium?" are questions asked a dozen times each day, and one answer will suffice to answer both questions. Mr. Putnam stated a few days ago that the line would be in operation as soon as work and money could get it in shape to run. The company has been working with might and main to get affairs in shape to operate the line. Men have been at work on the tracks, and a force of car repairers are now overhauling the cars so when the line is ready to start the rolling stock will be in first-class shape.

Mr. Putnam went to Chicago yesterday in the interest of the company and will probably purchase added equipment while there. He assures the citizens that the line will be a credit to the city when it is completed and will probably purchase added equipment about extensions. Mr. Putnam stated that they were in contemplation and would be made as soon as the company has straightened out the old tangle which it acquired when it purchased the system.

DURANT DEPOT COMPLETED

Citizens Have Railroad Men Guests at Celebration.

Durant, Okla., June 28.—One hundred and fifteen Durant business and professional men and about ten railroad officials celebrated the completion of Durant's new \$35,000 union station here tonight at a banquet in the main waiting room of the station. George A. Henshaw, Oklahoma corporation commission, spoke and several railroad officials made short talks.

The officials are traveling in a special train and visited the towns of McAlester, Wilburton, Krebs, Savanna, Kiowa, Stringtown, Atoka, Caney and Caddo today.

SAFE AND SANE FOURTH FOR ARDMORE KIDS

FIREWORKS WILL BE UNDER RESTRICTIONS THAT WILL ROB THE KIDS OF A GREAT DEAL OF PLEASURE.

The kids are up in the air. But than the city officials think it better that the kids should be up in the air than for some valuable buildings to go up in smoke and for that reason there will be strict watch kept on the quality and quantity of the fire crackers and other noise producers during the coming fourth of July.

There is a strict ordinance relative to the use of fireworks of every description within the corporation limits of the city, and the city officials state that they are going to see that it is observed.

Mayor Mullen and the chief of police do not assert this to hurt the feelings of the small boy because they were kids themselves—long time ago—but it is for the protection of property that they are determined to see that Ardmore is not visited with a severe fire caused by careless use of fireworks during the celebration of the glorious fourth.

Ardmore merchants have learned this lesson in the past and the stock of fireworks on display in all the stores would not do very much damage if they were all touched off together. It looks like a safe and sane fourth in this city.

HADLEY WOMAN ACCEPTS TEN-YEAR SENTENCE

Muskogee, Okla., June 28.—Rather than be separated from her husband, Ida Hadley, acquitted yesterday of the murder of Sheriff Jake Giles, Beaumont, Texas, today voluntarily accepted a sentence of ten years in the penitentiary for attempted jail breaking.

Paul Hadley was convicted of being an accessory to the murder of Giles and given a life sentence. It was Mrs. Hadley who actually shot Giles. The jury acquitted her on the ground of insanity.

The Hadleys will go to the penitentiary at McAlester together.

UNITED STATES AWAITS THE REPLY OF CARRANZA TO NOTE

ALTHOUGH DANGER OF IMMEDIATE BREAK WITH MEXICO IS RELIEVED, CRISIS REMAINS AS BEFORE UNTIL REPLY IS KNOWN.

Washington Says American Troops Will be Kept in Mexico and Large Border Patrol Will be Maintained and Augmented as Planned—Rodgers from Mexico City Sends Washington Confirmation of Carranza's Order to Release American Prisoners and Says, Carranza's Reply to the Note from Lansing is Momentarily Expected by Him—Ministers from Bolivia and Salvador Renew Efforts to Mediate Differences Between Two Nations as Result of Release of Prisoners, But Lansing Won't Discuss Question Until Carranza's Reply Has Been Received.

BIG BOOSTER MEETING FOR GOOD ROADS

THE CONVENTION HALL WILL BE FILLED TOMORROW NIGHT—QUESTION OF VOTING BONDS FOR ROAD PURPOSES.

Farmers from all over the county will attend the big good roads meeting Friday night at the convention hall and it is expected that a great crowd will be on hand.

With thousands of dollars available after July 1 from the oil tax money for use on the county roads, the business men believe that with the co-operation of the farmers that some splendid work on the roads can be done this fall and a wave of good roads enthusiasm has spread over the city and county. The good roads committee will have a detailed report to make at the meeting, which will be comprehensive and to the point, and the members feel that if their recommendations are carried out that Carter county will take an advanced step toward getting out of the mud and sand.

So great is the interest east of Ardmore that a delegation from McMillan will be on hand. Providence, Baum and Mulkey will also send delegations. It is being pointed out that there are sections of the county which have been neglected and that trade is going to other places which would otherwise come to Ardmore, and which is in the legitimate trade territory for this city.

Max Westheimer says: "We will have to get busy and none of us have so much to do but what we can afford to give this road matter actual time. I'm ready with time and personal effort."

J. W. Krueger says: "The merchants cannot do anything more profitable than to help get these roads passable between now and fall."

Mark Kirkpatrick says: "There is not a business man or professional man in Ardmore but what will jump into the traces on a definite line of action. We have delayed too long already, and I am boosting the meeting all the time."

S. A. Apple says: "There is no argument about good roads. It looks like we are getting down to real business now, and I look for the dirt and sand to fly. I hope every business man and working man in the city will be on hand Friday night."

Everybody is urged to be at the meeting Friday night. The county commissioners, the city commissioners and county and city school authorities are also being urged to be present to lend their voice and pledge their support to a concrete movement for good roads. All who come are asked to come meaning business, ready to discuss propositions which will arise fully and to take decisive action and stand pat on them after they leave. The campaign will not stop at Friday's meeting, but a campaign is to be made in every township in the county.

Used Less Cotton Seed.

Washington, June 29.—Cotton seed crushed from the 1915 crop totaled 4,201,059 tons as compared with 5,779,665 tons of 1914, the census bureau announced today.

Washington, D. C., June 29.—Special Agent Rodgers at Mexico City today officially reported Carranza's order to release the American prisoners at Chihuahua, saying also that he expected to receive Carranza's reply to the Washington note momentarily.

The danger of an immediate break with Mexico appears to have been relieved by the release of the prisoners. Until Carranza replies to the demand for a declaration of his policy, however, the crisis is only less imminent than before.

The American troops will be kept in Mexico and the large border patrol maintained and augmented as planned.

Senate Approves Resolution.

Washington, D. C., June 29.—The senate today approved and sent to the White House, the conference report on the Hay resolution, authorizing the president to draft into the federal service all national guardsmen, taking the prescribed oath.

Urging Mediation Again

Washington, D. C., June 29.—Ignacio Calderon, minister of Bolivia, and Rafael Zalvidar, minister of Salvador, have renewed their efforts with secretary Lansing to learn whether the United States will entertain a mediation offer of the Mexican difficulty. Lansing said he could not discuss it now in the absence of official information regarding the release of the prisoners, or Carranza's final reply.

Immediate Break Averted.

Washington, June 29.—An immediate break between Mexico and the United States government has apparently been averted by the compliance of the Carranza officials with the American demand for the release of the cavalrymen taken prisoners in the Carrizal battle and incarcerated in the prison at Chihuahua City. News of the release of the prisoners at Chihuahua reached Washington last night in press dispatches. While it is conceded that this move lessens the tension and makes the crisis less imminent, no one conversant with the grave problem is losing sight of the fact that the all-important question of Carranza's attitude toward the American expedition on the Mexican side of the border to protect territory and citizens of the United States from outrages remains unsettled. If the Carranza government stands upon the orders to General Trevino to attack Pershing's men when they move otherwise than toward the border, the situation actually is just what it was before except that there is now a possibility of diplomatic negotiations, which did not exist while the Americans were held prisoners in Chihuahua.

The preparations of the United States for war will go steadily forward. There will be no interruption of the rush of national guardsmen to the border and General Funston continues disposing the forces under his command as though he expected an immediate attack from the Mexicans. The fact that Carranza has complied with one of the American demands is accepted by the more optimistic officials here as an indication that he is striving to prevent a break with the United States.

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WEATHER FORECAST
New Orleans, La., June 29.
—The weather forecast for Oklahoma for tonight and Friday is fair.

Japs Aid Mexicans.
Laredo, June 28.—Nine carloads of Japanese under Japanese officers are en route from Monterey to Chihuahua City to reinforce the Carranza garrison, according to American refugees arriving from Monterey.
The refugees also report that the Monterey steel works, taken over by the Mexican government, are turning out artillery and rifle ammunition under Japanese experts.